FRENCH ROCKS SUB-DIVISION.

Proceedings of the Local Fund Board of the French Rocks Circle at a meeting held on the 2nd March 1898.

PRESENT.

Mr. K. P. Puttanna Chetty, Sub-Division Officer, President.

Official Members.

1. Mr. D. Sitarama Rao, Executive Engineer.
2. ,, B. Srinivasa Rao, Amildar of Seringapatam.
3. ,, V. N. Guru Rao, Amildar of Mandya.
4. ,, A. Krishne Urs, Amildar of Malvalli.
5. ,, D. Narasinga Rao, Amildar of Krishnarajpete.

Non-Official Members.

1. Mr. Ramanna of Mandya.
2. ,, Krishnappa of Krishnarajpete.
3. ,, Govindappiengar, Inamdar.

ABSENT.

Official Members.

1. Dr. P. S. Achyuta Rao, Civil Surgeon, Mysore.
2. Mr. D. Subba Rao, Amildar of Nagamangala.

Non-Official Members.

1. Mr. Mallappa of Malvalli.
2. ,, Garudachar of Nagamangala

This meeting was convened to discuss the budget estimates of Receipts and Expenditure for the year 1898-99.

2. *Receipts.*—The receipts are estimated at Rs. 43,540 and are based on the actuals for the year 1896-97 which were Rs. 43,462-4-7. They exceed the sanctioned estimated receipts for 1897-98 by Rs. 795. The probable opening balance at the beginning of the year is estimated at Rs. 7,504. This together with the estimated receipts makes the total assets Rs. 51,044 for the year 1898-99.

3. *Expenditure.*—The statement of works proposed to be undertaken by the Public Works Department was read and considered.

4. *Original works. Communications.*—Under this head seven works were proposed by the Executive Engineer with a grant of Rs. 10,800 for expenditure during the year 1898-99. The Board, considering the paucity of funds at their disposal, could only make provision for two works, *viz.*, (1) the musafirkhana at French Rocks Rs. 1,500 and (2) construction of rough stone tunnels on the Krishnarajpete-Melkote road Rs. 800. The construction of the musafirkhana at French Rocks is making good progress and provision having to be made for its early completion, the Board passed the grant applied for by the Executive Engineer. The other work passed by the Board is one of great public utility. The road from Krishnarajpete to Melkote being unbridged is all but impassable during the rains.

5. *Repairs.*—A sum of Rs. 25,780 is provided under this head, being the usual maintenance charges of 21 roads. The Executive Engineer applied for an increase of Rs. 20 to the mileage allotment of the Seringapatam-Sosile-Sivasamudram road, and also for a grant of Rs. 3,000 for the special repairs of the French Rocks Station-Nelligere road. But the Board could not sanction these increases for want of funds.

6. The amount allotted to Public Works Department for works comes to Rs. 26,080. To this must be added the establishment charges of Rs. 4,564 at 17½ per cent, which will make the total grant Rs. 30,644.

7. In connection with the annual maintenance of roads, the President brought to the notice of the Board that more than one half of the receipts was absorbed in payment of charges for the annual maintenance of roads, leaving scarcely enough money to be spent on useful and important public works, and suggested that Government be moved to grant some relief to the Board in this respect.

Resolved that Government be requested to take the matter into their earnest consideration and relieve the Local Fund Board of the charges for the Seringapatam-Channarayapatna road and the French Rocks Station-Nelligere road, *viz.*, Rs. 5,550 and Rs. 4,375, respectively, by transferring them to the Provincial Funds, the amount thereby saved to be utilized for important original works which the Board is unable to sanction in its present financial condition.

8. *Public works to be executed by Revenue Officers.*—Original works. Rs. 1,000 have been provided under this head and this sum will be distributed among the five taluks according to their wants.

9. *Repairs.*—Rs. 340 are provided under this head for the maintenance of roads in charge of the Revenue Department.

10. *Establishment.*—Rs. 334 have been provided under this head, being the establishment charges at 10 per cent on Rs. 1,000 provided under "Conservancy and sanitation" and on Rs. 1,000 provided for the "Construction and repairs of cattle-pounds" under the "Civil charges" as well as public works under "Revenue agency."

11. *Civil Charges.*—I *Office Establishment.*—There is a decrease of Rs. 10 under "3 Furniture."

12. *VII Vaccination.*—Under this head there is a decrease of Rs. 286. This amount had been provided to meet the arrears of pay due to an extra vaccinator of Seringapatam. No such provision is required for the year 1898-99.

13. *Miscellaneous (b) Destruction of thickets and bushes.*—No provision is made under this head for the ensuing year as the charges, if any, may be met from the provision made under "Sanitation in rural parts."

14. (*C*) *Travelling allowance to non-official Members.*—Provision had been made in the year 1897-98 to meet the arrears due to non-official members. Hence the decrease of Rs. 480.

15. The other charges being usual call for no remarks.

16. The total expenditure for the year estimated at Rs. 42,526 was passed by the Board leaving a closing balance of Rs. 8,518. This is considerably less than 25 per cent of the receipts, but the Board do not see their way to secure this ratio of balance until the Government come to their aid and relieve them of the charge of some of the roads as requested in para 7 of these proceedings.

K. P. PUTTANNA CHETTY, *President.*

BANGALORE CENTRAL JAIL.

Notification, dated 6th day of May 1898.

Notice is hereby given that sealed tenders will be received up to 1 P. M. on Monday the 6th June 1898, by the Superintendent of the Bangalore Central Jail, for the supply by contract of the following articles required for the use of the said Jail for the period of one year from 1st July 1898 to 30th June 1899, both days inclusive.

2. No tenders will be received after the date above mentioned.

3. Tenders to be superscribed separately as follows:—

Tenders for the supply of "No. I. Mutton," "No. II. Firewood."

4. No tenders will be received unless accompanied by a deposit of Rs. 75 for mutton and Rs. 50 for firewood, in cash or currency notes.

5. Tenders will be opened by the Superintendent of the Bangalore Central Jail at his office on the date above mentioned in the presence of such tenderers as may choose to attend.

6. All tenders must specify the rate at which the following articles can be supplied in pound weights per rupee, and all articles supplied to be of good quality and subject to the approval of the Superintendent.

	Probable annual consumption.
No. I. Mutton without bone	20,000 lbs.
No. II. Dry firewood chopped by convict labour, the billets to be of about 1 cubit in length and between 1½ and 3 inches in thickness.	400,000 lbs.

The quantities above stated are not guaranteed.

7. The Superintendent reserves to himself the right of rejecting any tender without assigning any reason for so doing.

8. The deposit of the successful tenderers will be retained, and will be forfeited if they fail to execute the contract bond, or to furnish security to the amount of Rs. 150 for mutton, and Rs. 100 for firewood, in cash or Government bonds, within one week from the date of the acceptance of their contracts being made known to them.

9. No advance of cash will be made to the contractors. Payments will be made by the Superintendent, Central Jail, Bangalore, as soon as possible after the 1st of each month.

10. A store room will be made over to the firewood contractor in which he can store his wood, of which not less than one month's supply must always be kept in stock.

Mutton must be at the Jail by 7 A. M. daily.

11. The contract must not be sub-let.

12. A fine not exceeding Rs. 50 will be levied at the discretion of the Superintendent of the Bangalore Central Jail for any infringement of the stipulations of the contracts, or for the supply of any inferior articles, and if frequently violated the contracts may be annulled and the security confiscated to the Government.

13. The decision of the Superintendent of the Bangalore Central Jail will be final in all questions of infringement of contract.

14. Any further information can be obtained by applying at the Superintendent's office.

15. The contracts will be subject to the confirmation of the Inspector General of Prisons in Mysore.

16. In case of the contractors, after taking the contracts, being not willing to carry out their agreement, they shall give at least one month's notice and shall forfeit the security money to Government. The contractors will also be bound to make good to Government any loss which may arise from their failure, or by Government having to purchase the articles specified in the contracts in the local markets at higher rates than those contracted for.

N. B.—No concession of any kind will be allowed on the above contracts.

H. H. SPARKES, *Supt., Central Jail.*